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CITY ATTORNEY ASKS SAN DIEGO COUNTY GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE THE CITY'S POLICY OF USING SPECIAL FUNDS TO PAY FOR THE CITY'S GENERAL SERVICES

DATE AND TIME: Monday, April 10 at noon

LOCATION: City Attorney's Office

1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1620

Downtown San Diego

City Attorney Michael Aguirre will announce that a request has been made to the San Diego County Grand Jury to investigate whether special funds being used to finance day-to-day operations of City government are appropriate. The special funds, known as "enterprise funds," are generated by taxpayers who pay millions of dollars in fees for services such as water and sewer.

More specifically, Aguirre is raising the issue of enterprise funds being used to pay Kroll, a risk management firm hired by the City in February 2005 to analyze conflicting pension investigative reports by the law firm of Vinson & Elkins and the San Diego City Attorney. Another concern of Aguirre's is the arrangement made between former City Manager LaMont Ewell and Kroll over its bills which are not itemized.

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